

Advocacy Leadership Opportunities

Applications are currently being accepted for Advocacy Team Leaders to lead the LA Developmental Disabilities Council's grassroots advocacy network in the following regions:

Region 4 Advocacy Team Leader

- Part-time, flexible schedule (approximately 20-25 hours/week)
- Starting Pay: up to \$1,200/month
- Serving Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermillion parishes
- Based out of Families Helping Families of Acadiana

Leader Responsibilities

- Maintain personal knowledge-base on home and community-based services, employment, and education issues as it relates to individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Recruit and develop relationships with advocacy members from within their region, to keep them informed, encouraged, and engaged in advocacy.
- Develop relationships with local legislators and other key policymakers to educate them about the impact of policy decisions on individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Assist members in developing personal relationships with their policymakers and support them in sharing their story as it relates to advocacy issues.

Leader Qualifications

Applicants should be an individual with a developmental disability or a parent/family member of someone with a developmental disability and be a resident of the region for which they are applying.

Applicants should also have:

- effective verbal and written communication skills
- strong organizational and presentation skills
- proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel
- basic knowledge of the developmental disabilities service delivery system and educational supports and services for children with disabilities
- reliable transportation (travel required for meetings)
- an unwavering belief that ALL people with disabilities, regardless of the severity of the disability, can and should live in their own home in the community with appropriate supports and be included in school, work and all other facets of community life
- an unwavering belief that people with disabilities should not be segregated

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- have been an active member of the Council's grassroots advocacy network
- experience working/advocating with the legislature

How to Apply?

Submit ALL of the following information to De'Van Stephenson, DDC Program Monitor at de'van.stephenson@la.gov:

- **resume**
- **cover letter** (This letter should include why you are interested in this opportunity, any previous involvement in advocacy, and why you feel you would be the best candidate)
- **three professional references**

Please direct questions to De'Van Stephenson at 1-800-450-8108 or at the email address listed above. See the Regional Map below.

